GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Honorable William F. Ryan,
House of Representatives,
Washington 25, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ryan:

In reply to your recent letter regarding the death of Mr. J. Garrett Underhill, I am able to supply you with the following information:

About 8:00 p.m., May [illegible], 1964, John G. Underhill, Jr., male, white, age 48 years, residing at 3035 N Street, Northwest, Apartment #4, was found in an unconscious condition, lying in bed at the above address with bullet wound to the head. There was an automatic pistol in his right hand.

Subject was removed to the District of Columbia General Hospital in the Morgue ambulance where he was pronounced dead at 11:25 p.m., May [illegible], 1964, by Dr. V. B. Vaid of the hospital staff. The body was then conveyed to the District of Columbia morgue.

An autopsy was performed by the District of Columbia Coroner at the morgue.

After conferring with the Metropolitan Police Department Homicide Squad investigators a death certificate was issued by the Coroner; cause of death, suicide (shooting).

The records of the investigations conducted by the Homicide Squad in this type of case are of a confidential nature, however, if the person interested in the case comes to the Homicide Office in person and it is determined that he is entitled to more information than contained in the public record the matter will be discussed further at that time.

Trusting the above information will be of assistance to you, I remain

Very truly yours,

John B. Layton,
Deputy Chief of Police,
Chief of Detectives.

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